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Penrhyn language

The **Penrhyn language** is a Cook Islands Maori dialectal variant[3] belonging to the Polynesian language family spoken by about 200 people on Penrhyn Island and other islands in Northern Cook Islands.[4] It is considered to be an endangered language as many of its users are shifting to Cook Islands Māori and English.

Penrhyn	
Mangarongaro, Penrhynese, Tongareva	
tongareva	
Native to	Cook Islands
Region	Penrhyn Island, Northern Cook Islands
Native speakers	200 (2011 census)[1]
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Oceanic ▪ Polynesian ▪ Eastern Polynesian ▪ Tahitic ▪ **Penrhyn**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`pnh`
Glottolog	`penr1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/penr1237)`[2]

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Phonology

Alphabet

A, **E**, **H**, **I**, **K**, **M**, **N**, **Ng**, **O**, **P**, **R**, **T**, **U**, **V**[5]

Long vowels are written with a macron.

Consonants

	Labial	Alveolar	Velar	Glottal
nasal	m	n	ŋ<ng>	
stop	p	t	k	
fricative	(f) v	s		h
Approximant		l<r>		

Tongareva is one of the few Cook Islands languages without a glottal stop [ʔ]. There is allophonic voicing of stops present. [f] is present in loanwords from languages like Rakahanga-Manihiki language.[6]

Grammar

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